(e) The question is under correspondence with the Travancore Government and has not been finally settled. The detailed investigation taken up in 1103 cannot be finished pending the settlement of the question.

474. **Mr. C. V. Kuriyan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any correspondence has passed between the Cochin Government and the Travancore Government in connection with the said scheme,

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to place it on the table;

(c) will the Government be pleased to state whether the said scheme has been dropped; if so, the reasons for dropping the same;

(d) if it is not dropped, will the Government be pleased to state at what stage is the said scheme ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Government regret that the correspondence cannot be placed on the table at this stage, since it is confidential and deals with questions at issue between the two States.

(c) The scheme has not been dropped.

(d) It is under correspondence with the Travancore Government.

Eroor Road.

475. **Mr. Thomas Manjuran.**—Will the Government kindly state:—

why the metalling of the Eroor road has not et been completed, although long promised ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon —The metalling of Eroor road has been completed except for 4 furlongs. The delay is due to contractor's incapacity.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Has anything been done to get over the difficulty due to the delay of the contractor?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The contractor has promised to do it at an early date.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Will it be over this year ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Orders on the Special Finance Committee's Report.

476. **Mr C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) which are the departments in which effect has not been given to the orders of the Diwan on the recommendations of the Special Finance Committee and what is the cause of the delay in the case of such departments;

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(b) whether graduates of less service or pay were preferred to under-graduates in any department in carrying out the orders on the report of the Special Finance Committee; if so, in which department and what are the names of those so preferred and what are the reasons for doing so ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Field establishment of the Excise Department and the Education Department. Effect has not been given in the former, since it can be done only after amending certain provisions of the Abkari and Salt Regulations and in the latter, because the pay lists were found to require revision in certain cases.

(b) Yes, four graduates in the Revenue Department were preferred to under-graduates. They are:—Messrs. R. G. Krishna Ayyar, V. K. Gopala Menon, C. Sankara Menon and K. P. Rama Varmha Thirupad. They were promoted as a result of the orders passed on the report of the Special Finance Committee.

477. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—With regard to the revision of the pay sanctioned from 1st Chingam 1105 in Government Orders passed on the recommendation of the Special Finance Committee, will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether arrear pay has been disbursed to all the same is due to;

(b) if it has not been, whether arrear pay bills of those to whom arrear pay has not been disbursed, have been prepared and forwarded for pre-audit to the Comptroller of Accounts;

(c) if the reply is in the negative, what the reasons for the delay have been and what action has been taken against those responsible for avoidable delay ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) No.

(b) Yes; except in a few cases.

(c) As far as possible arrear pay due has been either disbursed or bills for the same have been prepared and sent to the Comptroller of Accounts for pre-audit. It has not been possible to do this for some persons, as the question of their arrear pay was referred to the Government for further orders; concerning others, the Comptroller has raised objections which have to be satisfied and this has necessitated correspondence. There has been no avoidable delay.

Representation in public service.

478. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Government servants drawing Rs. 100 and above as salary in the services on the 8th of October 1930;

(2) Of these, how many are

(a) Brahmins

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